

To the King and both Houses of Parliament.

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Friends,

WE have much cleanness to present our suffering condition unto you, as to our own concerns, though we are sensible that many of our dear Friends and Brethren are deeply exercised in the same Tryal with us, which unto you have been presented in a general manner, but as our sufferings are carried on by such persons as do not seem to be sensible either of Law, Equity, or mercy, so we cannot but lay before you the sad effects which are produced by their means and yet likely to be continued if not by you prevented, for we do not perceive that they who first put their hands to work against us (since by your Act they were encouraged) do intend to spare us whilst we have any thing they can take from us, and many of us they have already left in a very low Estate as to outward things for they have taken both our Corn, Cattle, and Household goods, so that we are as a people which seemingly are appointed to a day of outward distress in a high degree, and whereas we have been capable of doing good unto others, and have relieved many in their outward wants, and paid our Taxes to the King, and our Rents unto whom they were due, and maintained considerable Families in a comfortable manner, we are now made altogether incapable of doing such things through the violence of some men against us that pretend your Act for what they do, and that you who are the outward authority of a Nation, should have your authority concerned in the desolation of so many honest Families (and especially the name and authority of the King) we may have some cause to hope that the serious consideration of your own concernment may stop all future proceedings in such a manner, and to cause all persons who do employ themselves to ruin us to cease from their violence, for our hearts are grieved within us to see how men act daily against us to their own hurt, besides the sorrow that attends us to see our Children and Families deprived of that comfortable lively hood which they and we have been partakers of through the mercy of God, and we do not know that we have ever given just occasion why it should be so done unto us, and having clear Consciences in the sight of God for having any intention against you to do you harm, we must needs say that we are afflicted in our Innocency, and it is a very great comfort to us as from the Lord that we are Innocent from any just charge of evil, and as the Lord God hath made us Innocent and in that life preserves us, he

doth not condemn us as being guilty of offences against you, and therefore you have no cause at all to punish as offenders.

Oh King and Parliament, Remember the time of your own adversity, and how a way was made for you to come into your places of authority, and be ye merciful as God hath shewed mercy unto you, for our condition is sad as to outward things, and though we shall not now trouble you with particulars, believing you may have seen something of our sufferings stated with other of our dear Friends, yet know that we have since that time suffered much and the same thing is still continued in a high degree, for as the Inform is clear that one place they go to another where they have hopes to compass their own gain, and there is one Justice that appeareth ready to answer their minds in what they would have done, so that it is absolute necessity that causeth us thus to complain unto you, for we may hope that all are not like minded to bring outward ruin upon us and our Families, and we may also hope to meet with some tenderness and pity from such a great Assembly wherein the body of the Nation is so much concerned and we know if you incline your Ear to that of God in you, our cause will be pleaded beyond what we can lay before you, for that good and just principle takes notice of all your thoughts, words, and works, and if you do well, it will then be well with you, but if you turn your ear from the instruction of Life, and follow on your own way to afflict the innocent, then will you cause the Holy One to turn against you, and draw down his hand heavy upon you.

Oh King, Counsel, and Parliament, Consider in the Fear of God the End for which you have power in outward government, and make use of your power for the benefit of all that are under your power, and give glory to Christ Jesus, who is King and Lord in government everlasting, that so by your means the whole nation may be settled in love, peace and quietness, to every ones happiness.

So having briefly and plainly demonstrated the truth of our conditions unto you (from too true experience) we shall commit all things wherein we are concerned unto the true and living God; and in the Joy of his presence we rest, and can truly say that we are your Friends for your everlasting good.

From the People of God called Quakers in the County of Nottingham, the 15 of the 11 Month, 1670.

Thomas Ingal
William Claytor
Thomas Elsam
John Theaker
Robert Carnil
Thomas Ridge
William Raworth
William Wilson
Thomas Crane
Robert Shaw
Joseph Walls
John Truswel
John Smith
Hugh Nield
Steven Pys
John Gaskin
William Birket
Jonathan Humphry
John Cam
Thomas aukeland
John Abert
William Kent
Michael Emly
Josiah Turner
William Hesman
Richard Birket
John Hall
John Dewick
Roger Truswel
John Ouldham
Joseph Humphry
James Cam
George Cam
Roger Truswel Ju.
William Blanch
Ralph Bateman
John Bateman

William Watfon
John Law
Edward Butler
Nathaniel Price
Tobias Holder
Anthony Smith
George Smith
Joseph Wats
Edward Alline
John Blanch
Samuel Bark
Josiah Bark
Samuel Bark Ju.
Robert Grace
Matthew Brackney
George Whitworth
Robert Marriot
Richard Brownley
Richard Cooper
Francis Cooper
Christopher Branderith
Nathaniel Clay
John Roberts
John Bellivant
Richard Wats
John Bing
Robert Moor
William Malson
Francis Clay
John Bingham
George Hopkinson
Timothy Garland
John Langford
Samuel Hooten
John Hotten
George Cockram

Thomas Hyfield
Edward Poe
Richard Richardson
Samuel Reckless
John Rowse
William Wood
William Willamat
George Hopkinson
William Kirk
Thomas Goodman
George brumley
George Oats
James Stark
John Reckless
William Watfon
John Hart
William Smith
William Trotter
Boar Ellinson
Joseph Reckless
James Star
Samuel Oats
Henry Dubbleday
John Draper
John Barker
Thomas Samson
John Goodrich
Alexander Samson
George Wheldeal
John Richerson
Nathaniel Hopkinson
George Rogers
William Hudson
Thomas Farnworth
Samuel Nicholson
Robert Partridge

Thomas Emley
John Bicks
John Camfel
Gervas Lambert
Isaac Smith
Roger Storres
Joseph Hudson
Jonathan Hudson
John Butterick
Mordecai White
Anne Ingal
Alice Claytor
Elizabeth Elsam
Anne Theaker
Elizabeth Carnil
Elizabeth Ridge
Ellen Raworth
Elizabeth V Vilson
Elizabeth Crane
Anne Shaw
Jane truswel
Jane Smith
Faith Sturgis
Elizabeth wood
Ann Spencer
Anne Morton
Alice Smith
Mary Garret
Mary watson
Mary Theaker
Jane Nargrave
Eline Smeeton
Elizabeth Cade
Mary V Walker
Jane Throan
Katherine Sturgis

Susannah-birk
Elizabeth aukland
Jane abert
Avis Heeman
Anne Birkie
Anne Ansebery
Izabel Killinger
Elizabeth Truswel
Ruth Ridge
Elizabeth Humphry
Mary Blanch
Elizabeth Blanch
Bridget Barton
Anne Law
Izabel Hodson
Alice Smith
Elizabeth Hodson
Margret Dring
Susannah V Vats
Mary V Vats
Anne Barke
Lydy Clay
Martha Grace
Elizabeth Copley
Alice Brackney
Elizabeth Hooton
Anne V Vilson
Mary Brig
Elizabeth Moor
Mary Leadbeater
Alice Bingham
Mary Hopkinson
Judith Garland
Alice Sinyard
Elizabeth Hooton Ju.
Katherine Iomlinson

Elizabeth Petty
Mary Holms
Elizabeth Cockrum
Sarah V Vats
Hannah Reckless
Jane Clark
Barbary Smith
Prudence Harding
Millecent Goss
Elizabeth Smith
Anne Smith
Elizabeth Matchet
Hannah Reckless ju.
Joyce Roe
Mary Richerson
Sarah V Vats ju.
Susannah Smith
Grace Richerson
Sarah Hyfield
Emmat Burroughs
Anne Collins
Susannah Armstrong
Sarah Noble
Patience Wilkinfon
Hannah Poe
Elizabeth Gamble
Elizabeth Newham
Rebecca Robinson
Elizabeth Bradwel
Mary Oats
Mary Need
Joan Hyfield
Elizabeth Dubbleday
Margret Samson
Margret Goodrich
Mary Samson, &c.